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STUDENT VOTE  
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Results of a student referendum at the University of Colorado on so-called 'illegal and immoral actions' by the CIA in Central America were close, with 2,366 voting for the statement, and 1,806 voting against it, student organizers said Thursday.

The results were announced one day after U.S. House vote to kill all U.S. assistance to the contras fighting in Nicaragua.

In Colorado Springs, 23 people were arrested after occupying the office of Sen. Bill Armstrong, R-Colo., in protest of his support for aid to the contras.

The peaceful three-hour sit-in Wednesday was organized by 'The Pledge of Resistance.' Group spokesman Leo Griep-Ruiz, 38, said Armstrong recently pledged he would vote against aid for the contras, but then voted Tuesday in favor of the proposed \$14 million aid package.

'Armstrong's duplicity is unforgivable,' Griep-Ruiz said.

Police asked the demonstrators to leave when the office closed at 4 p.m., but more than 20 remained. About 5:40 p.m., they were given five minutes to get out. The 23 who chose to remain were taken to police headquarters for trespassing and disturbing a lawful assemble, but were not jailed.

In Washington, Armstrong said he voted for the compromise because 'We need to decide right now if we're serious about doing anything. Is it tolerable to have a communist country on our doorstep?'